

REMARKS

Claims 21, 26-34 and 37-44 are now pending and believed in condition for allowance.

In response to the objection to the drawing, Figure 40 is amended to eliminate the two reference labels "686" and the lead lines associated therewith. Enclosed is a copy of sheet 19/26 showing the amendment in red ink marking, and a replacement sheet for 19/26 without the two reference labels "686" and the lead lines. Entry of the replacement sheet for 19/26 is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to the specification, pages 18 and 19 thereof are amended to make the corrections pointed out by the Examiner. Moreover, the abstract of the disclosure is deleted in its entirety and a new abstract provided.

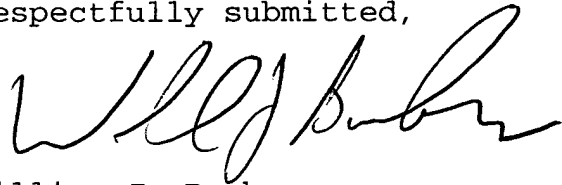
Claims 26-34 and 36-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 26 and 36 are respectively amended to include the limitations of claims 20 and 35 and are deemed in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the aforementioned amendments touch the merits of the

application, raise new issues or require a further search. Because of this, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment after final rejection should be entered and the application be deemed in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and an early allowance of all the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Barber', written in a cursive style.

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